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Mr. Sonnenfeldt
Sec. Kissinger
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S: On the Callaghan thing about the MBFR timing. We are making major effort in NATO to get some of these issues resolved. I wanted to check with you that you still agree that if we can get this done before this session of the MBFR that we should get OPTION 3 on the table before recess for Christmas.

K: What do we gain by that?

S: I would not kill myself to get it done but you recall Callaghan says they would like to do it before the defense estimates in February.

K: Could we not do it before the beginning of of the next session?

S: We could but I am not exactly sure of the timing of it. The theory is the Soviets would have time to mull it over during the recess and we would not have to answer so quickly so many questions which might not be easy to answer.

K: My instinct is to do it at the beginning of the next session though I am opened minded about it. They must know pretty well what we are going to do.

S: The issue is how to deal with the questions the British are raising.

K: I would not want us to be driving too hard

S: We are going to make suggestions that supposedly take care of what the British and Germans want.

K: I would like to put China on the agenda of the restricted meeting.

S: Of the restricted NAC session.

K: Yes. That is what Callaghan thought we should do.

S: O.K. We will do that.

K: Good.

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